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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Quarantinable diseases—Cholera disappearing from the islands.[a]

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 8, as follows:

During the week ended April 2, 1904, the quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	0	0
Smallpox	1	0
Plague	1	0

No report of cholera occurring in the provinces of the Philippines has been received since March 4, 1904. While there may be a few scattered cases of the disease in the island, it is believed that it has almost disappeared.

No vessels cleared for the United States or its dependencies during the week.

Report from Cebu—Quarantinable diseases, March, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Carroll Fox reports, April 9, through Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser, as follows:

There were reported to the local health authorities during the month of March, 1904, the following cases of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 3, with 3 deaths; smallpox, 1, with 1 death.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Quarantine transactions, April, 1904—Vital statistics.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, May 12, as follows:

Vessels issued bills of health, 30; vessels inspected, 21; vessels held in quarantine, 3; persons detained in quarantine at Miraflores, 8; pieces of baggage disinfected, 580.

The baggage disinfected was the dunnage of the apprentice boys of the U. S. training ship *Monongahela*, on account of an outbreak of diphtheria among the boys of that ship. This disinfection was done at the request of the naval authorities at this port.

The Red "D" Line steamships *Philadelphia* and *Caracas*, which arrived at this port on April 6 and 20, respectively, were held in quarantine during their stay, and permitted to transact business under guard. Both vessels were from ports of Venezuela. The former brought 5 nonimmune passengers for this port, and they were held under observation at Miraflores, as were also 3 nonimmunes from the Spanish steamship *Leon XIII*, which called at this place on April 3,

[a] Received out of date. For report for week ended April 9, 1904, see Public Health Reports, May 20, 1904.

from Habana, Port Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Curaçao, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce.

Vital statistics for month of April, 1904, of San Juan.

Tuberculosis	17	Old age	4
Nephritis, chronic	1	Cancer	2
Enteritis, chronic	2	Pyæmia	1
Asystolia, cardiac	2	Softening of brain	1
Pulmonary congestion	1	Sclerosis, spinal	1
Spasm of glottis	1	Apoplexy of brain	1
Gastro-enteritis	7	Dilatation of heart	1
Syphilis	1	Internal hemorrhage	1
Endo-aortitis	1	Insufficiency, cardiac	3
Anæmia	3	Paralysis, progressive	1
Insufficiency, aortic	1		
Meningitis	1	Total	73
Athrepsia	2		
Pneumonia	3	Stillborn	11
Tetanus	4		
Rickets	3	April, 1904:	
Broncho-pneumonia	2	Births	72
Gunshot wound	1	Deaths	73
Wound of neck	1	Stillborn	11
Cirrhosis of liver	1	April, 1903:	
Intestinal obstruction	1	Births	75
Aneurism of abdominal organs	1	Deaths	81

During the month of April, 1904, there were under treatment in San Juan 39 cases of smallpox—very mild form. Thirty-three of this number were discharged cured during the month.

Summary of the transactions at the six subports.

Vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 5; Arecibo, 2; Humacao, 4; Fajardo, 3; Aguadilla, 0; and Arroyo, 0.

The vital statistics for the month were as follows: Mayaguez, births 76, deaths 90, 6 of which were from typhoid fever; Arecibo, births 102, deaths 67; Aguadilla, births 25, deaths 40; Fajardo, births 72, deaths 39; Arroyo, births 1, deaths 5; Humacao, births 77, deaths 39.

Report from Ponce—Summary of transactions April, 1904.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, May 2 and 12, through chief and acting chief quarantine officer, as follows:

Summary of transactions of Service during the month of April, 1904.

Vessels inspected	14
Bills of health issued	24
Passengers inspected (in transit)	498
Passengers inspected (incoming)	67
Crew inspected	656
Vessels in quarantine	4
Immigrants inspected	40
Rejections	1
Number of passengers detained in quarantine	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected	0